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RED LETTER DAYS IN THE LIFE OF SHELDON JACKSON

(Among the Sheldon Jackson Records deposited in the Presbyterian Historical Society, was found a bundle of 2 X 6 inch perforated slips , tied with string . Dr Jackson had put a date in red ink , on the upper left hand corner of each, and below had written in black ink, a brief biographical note . All of the slips - just as they were written by Dr Jackson - are copied here .)

1856	At the Spring Session of the Presbytery of Albany was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Ministry.
1856 July 13	First formal Sermon Preached my 1st Sermon in the Reformed Dutch Church at Auriesville N Y . For the love of Christ constraineth us.
1856 Sept 13 Saturday	Mary Voorhees convicted of Sin.
	My first earnings was my salary as Colporteur One half the Salary was given to Missions.
1856 November 4	Cast my first presidential vote for John C Fremont. Never had another opportunity to vote in a presidential election, as ever after my home was in the Territories.
1857 April 15	Appointed the first Agent of the American Systematic Beneficence Society with the principal Cities of New York State & other Sections as field. Made addresses as far west as Lawrence, Kansas.
1857 May 14	Received licensure from Presbytery of Albany in Session at the Presbyterian Church, Amsterdam, New York at 5 P M .
1857 May 20	My parents left the town of Florida (NY) for a new home at Galesburgh, Ill.
1857 Dec 7	Offered myself by letter to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church as a missionary.
1858 Jan 13	Passed my Examination for ordination before the Presbytery of Albany in Session at Albany, N York, Wednesday, Jan 13 / 58.

1858 Feb 23	Received from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church , appointment as Missionary to the Six-town Church & teacher of Advanced Department Spencer Academy. Choctaw Nation.
1858 March 7	Mary Voorhees, having on the previous afternoon been before the Session of the Ref Dutch Church of Minaville N York, made a public profession of her faith in Jesus and received the Communion of the Lord's supper.
1858 April 38	Graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary.
1858 May 5	Was ordained as an Evangelist by Presbytery of Albany in session at Schenectady N Y , May 5th Dr E Nott , presided . Dr Sprague the Sermon & Rev Charles H Taylor the charge
1858 May 18	Married to Mary Voorhees at noon at her father's house by Rev John Clancey assisted by Rev J Ralston Burgett. Very rainy day . Left in the afternoon for New York. Norfolk . Washington, D C .
1858 July 8	Left town of Florida N.Y. for Mendon N.Y. & Galesburg Ill. en route to Choctaw Mission .
1858 Sept 16	Left the home of my parents at Galesburgh Ill. for my Mission at Spencer Academy.
1858 Sept 20	Sabbath in St Louis. Today took Steamer for Napoleon, Ark , accompanied by my wife and Miss Turner. Mills and Culbertson
1858 September 24	Took Steamer from Napoleon up the White River & thence by Stage to Little Rock, Ark. where on the 27. our company separated, Mrs Jackson myself via Washington & Paraclifta to Spencer. and the others via Fort Smith. At Washington hired a private Conveyance
1858 October 3-6	Oct 3 Spent Sabbath at a Planter's in the woods Oct 4 Took dinner at Stockbridge Mission (Dr Byington Oct 5 Passed Wherlock (Rev Edwards) and remained over night at Pine Ridge (Rev Dr Kingsbury Reached Spencer Academy 11 P.M. Wednesday Oct 6th Travelling Expenses $230.26

1859 Jan	Sent my resignation to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions partly on account of the Character of the Work & largely on account of health .
1859 Feb	In Indian Territory preached at Chickasaw Place, Lukufuppi, Talibok, Okchias, Aniniantubbis, and Six-Town
1862 September 25th	Preached the opening Sermon of the Synod of Saint Paul in Session at Lake City , Minnesota
1864 Febraary 10th	Preached the Sermon at the installation of Rev Hugh L Craven. Presbyterian Church Saint Charles Minnesota
1864 May	Raised Five thousand dollars from Eastern Churches for the erection of a Presbyterian Church at Rochester Minnesota
1865 January	Preached the Sermon at the dedication of the First Presbyterian Church Rochester Minnesota
1866	Preached the Sermon at the dedication of the Presbyterian Church Fremont Minnesota
1867 November 11th	Preached the Sermon at the ordination of Rev R H Cunningham
1868 May 26	Preached the Sermon at the dedication of the Presbyterian Church of Austin Minnesota
1868 June 25	Delivered the Charge to the Church at the installation of Rev J A Annin as Pastor of the Presbyterian Church Lake City Minnesota
1868 July 29	Delivered the charge to the pastor at the installation of Rev Joseph M McNulty pastor of the First Presbyterian Church Winona Minnesota
1868 October 3rd	By invitation addressed the Synod of Iowa in Session at Cedar Rapids Iowa on Home Missions .

1868 October 21	Addressed the Synod of New Jersey in Session at Newark N.J. on Home Missions
1868 October 23	Addressed the Synod of Pennsylvania in Session at Lascaster Pa on Home Missions
1869 April 2nd	Preached the Sermon at the dedication of the Presbyterian Church of Osceola Iowa
1869 October 20th	Addressed the Synod of New York in Session at Sing Sing N.Y. on Home Missions
1869 October 21st	Addressed the Synod of New Jersey in Session at Rahway N.J. on Home Missions .
1869 November 21st	One of the Speakers at the Reunion Ratification Meeting of the Presbytery of New York held at the University Place Church New York City N.Y.
1869 December 5th	One of the Speakers at the Reunion Ratification Meeting held in the First Presbyterian Church of Council Bluffs Iowa .
1873 March 9th	Rev L B Crittenden of Boseman & Montana writes " The resolution in regard to the 'Superintendent of Missions ' was not one which all the members of Presbytery felt zeal for ; indeed it was acquiesced in by the majority , I think only to qualify the views of two of the members , who felt some change to be desirable."
1874 June 11th	Received from the Trustees of Hanover College at New Albany Indianna the honorary degree of "Doctor of Divinity"
1879	Dr Henry Kendall, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions and Rev Sheldon Jackson appointed by the Secretary of the Interior a Commission to investigate the condition of the natives in south East Alaska and report the same to the Government.

1880 April 30th	Received the thanks of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary Princeton New Jersey , for the gift of an ethnological Collection representing the life of the Aboriginal population of the Western Territories This Collection was afterwards transferred to Princeton University for better preservation .
1883 March 22 The first Canoe Mail Route in Alaska	Received from United States Post Office Department Contract for carrying the mail on Route 47001 between Haines & Juneau by Canoe . Established for the Convenience of the Presbyterian Missionaries at Haines
1883 April 10th	Received from United States Post Office Department . Contract for Carrying the Mail on Route No 47102 being between Fort Wrangell and Jackson Alaska by Canoe. For Convenience of the Presbyterian Missionaries at Jackson.
1883 October 30th	Appointed General Manager for Alaska of "The National Educational Association of the United States" for the Metting at Madison Wisconsin .
1885 April 11th	Appointed by Hon John Eaton , United States Commission of Education with the approval and by the direction of the Hon Henry M Teller , Secretary of the Interior United States General Agent of Education in Alaska
1885 May 14	Secured lots 2 & 3 of Block 22 of town plat of Juneau Alaska for a Presbyterian Church & Parsonage . Recorded by Henry States in Book D Page 30 of Records of Harris Mining District .
1886 January 7th	Elected Corresponding Member of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin
1889 January 3rd	Elected Vice President for Alaska of "The American Sabbath Union"
1889 December 20th	Special Agent of the United States Officials in Alaska for securing from Congress needed legislation for Alaska .

1890 January 7th	Delegate to the "Fourth Annual Convention of the American Shipping and Industrial League " to meet in Washington D. C. Feb 5th to 7th
1890 April 17th	Instructions issued by the honorable The Secretary of the Treasury to the Captains of U.S. Revenue Cutters sailing in Alaskan waters to receive Dr Sheldon Jackson on board their ships and convey him to such places as may need to visit in the discharge of his official duties. The same courtesies have been annually extended to him to the present time.
1890 April 21st	Elected Vice President for Alaska of the American Shipping and Industrial League
1890 October 30th	Elected a member of Trinity Historical Society. Dallas, Texas
1891 January 5th	Reelected Vice President of Alaska Historical Society Sitka Alaska
1891 January 7th	Appointed Alaska Manager for the "National Educational Association" for the Meeting at Toronto Canada July 14th to 17th 1891
1891 January 6th	Elected a member of the Anthropological Society of Washington, D.C.
1891 May 28th	Elected a Member of The Council of the American Society for the Extension of University Teaching " Philadelphia Pa
1891 December 29th	Elected a Member of the American Folk -lore Society"
1892	Elected Corresponding Secretary for Alaska of "The National Conference of Charities and Correction " .
1892 February 3rd	Appointed State President for Alaska of "The American Sabbath Union " .

1892 March 22nd	Appointed a Member of " The Advisory Council on Religious Missions of the World's Congress Auxiliary in Connection with the Columbian Exposition , Chicago,Illinois .
1892 April 4th	Elected a Member of "The American Academy of Political and Social Science" .
1893 February 17th	Elected Honorary President of "The Auxiliary Bible Society of South Eastern Alaska" . Fort Wrangell, Alaska .
1893 March 14th	Elected a Member of "The American Institute of Christian Philosophy " New York .
1893	World's Columbian Exposition , Chicago 1893 Awarded diploma and Medal for Alaska Publications, Photographs and School Work. Alaso diploma and medal for Ethnological Collection from Alaska .
1894	Elected a member of "The National Statistical Association " , Washington D.C.
1894 October 4th	Elected a regent of "The American Post Graduate School of Political Science " .
1896 October 9th	Organized the "Alaskan Society of Natural History and Ethnology " and became a Charter Member of the same . Sitka , Alaska .
1896 October 11th	Appointed by the Hon James Sheakley, Governor of Alaska, Commissioner to represent Alaska at the International Exposition to be held in the City of Mexico , Mexico .
1896	Elected a Member for Alaska of "The International Sunday School Executive Committee .
1897 February 8th	Elected Corresponding Member of " The Minnesota Historical Society " Saint Paul Minn .
1897 May 20th	Elected Moderator of "The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the USA in Session at Winona Lake Indiana . May 20 - 28 , 1897 .

1897 Given a reception & banquet at New York City by "The Presbyterian Social Union" in

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1897 June 16th Received from the Trustees of Richmond College, Ohio the honorary degree of "Doctor of Laws" .

1897 June 23rd Received from the Trustees of Union College, Schenectady New York (his Alma Mater) the honorary degree of "Doctor of Laws" .

1897 October 19th Given a reception by the Ladies of "The Occidental Board of Foreign Missions" , San Francisco, Cal .

1897 December 7th Given a reception and banquet at Pittsburgh Pa , by "The Presbyterian Union of Pittsburgh and Allegheny".

1897 December 23rd Detailed by the Secretary of the Interior to report to the Secretary of War for Special duty in connection with the relief of destitute people in the Yukon Valley, Alaska .

1897 December 23rd Appointed by the Secretary of War Special Agent of the War Department and directed to proceed at once accompanied by Lieut deVore USA as disbursing Officer, to Norway & Sweden and purchase 500 head of Reindeer trained to harness, together with sleds, harness and drivers and bring them to the United States for transporting supplies into the Yukon Valley, Alaska .

1897 December 24th Took passage on the Steamship Lucania and early Christmas morning was en route for Liverpool. London was reached midnight Dec 31st . Left London Jan 3rd, 1898 . Reached Christiania , Norway, Jan 6 where the necessary permits for procuring the reindeer were obtained from the Norwegian Government. Christiania was left Jan 7th and Trondhjem reached Jan 8th where 900 sleigh loads of moss was purchased for feeding the reindeer in crossing the ocean. At midnight on the 8th took steamer Vesteraalen for Tromsoe . Jan 11th at Tromsoe, transferred to Steamer Sigurd Jarl , reaching Hammerfest on the afternoon of Jan 12 . At once transferred to steamer Nor and on the evening of the 13th reached destination at Bosekop on Alten Fiord , 4 degrees of Latitude north of the Arctic

Circle in mid-winter and with the Arctic night in progress . Norwegian and Lapp agents had already been set a work by telegraph . And in 43 days from his appointment Dr Jackson had crossed the ocean & reached Arctic Lapland miles, gathered from 150 miles arounf 539 reindeer, 511 sets of harness, 418 sleds, and 113 Norwegian and Lapp men, women & children, loaded them on steamship Manitoban & was en route for the United States . New York was reached **Feb 28th Seattle on Pacific Coast , March 7th with the loss of but one deer out of a herd of 539.**

1898 March 5th	Appointed a member of "The National Maine Monument Committee " for the erection of a Monument for the Men who went down in the Maine and the soldier heroes of the Cuban and Manila battlefields and camp hospitals.
1898 April 12th	Elected honorary Vice President of "The Presbyterian Historical Society" , Philadelphia, Pa
1898 May 28th	Appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the USA a Delegate to the Seventh General Council of "The Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian System" Meeting at Washington, DC September 29th to October 6th 1899 Done in Session at Winona Lake, Indiana, May 28th 1898.
1898 June 30th	Elected a Member of the Advisory Committee of Westminster College, Denver, Colorado .
1898 November 23rd	Elected Vice President of "The Council of the Alaska Geographical Society ".
1898 December 12	Offered an election as "Fellow of the American Geographical Society" New York Declined
1898 December 29	Invited to make the Address on Home Mission Work in the United States before the "Seventh General Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian System" to be held at Washington D.C. September 26th to October 6th , 1899 .

1899	Appointed a Member of the Executive Committee of "The National Maine Monument Committee" .
1899 January 16th	Elected a member of "The Cuban American League" , New York. Declined for want of time .
1899 July 12th	Appointed a member of "The National Committee on the Queen Victorial Memorial" , New York .
1899 August 25th	Invited to become a member in "The Society of American Authors" New York . Declined for want of time .
1899 December 4th	Invited to become a member of "The American Social Science Association" . Declined for want of time .
1899 December 20th	Elected a member of "The Board of Regents of The American Society of Religious Education" , Washington, DC .
1900 March 15	Appointed a Member of "The Advisory Council for the publication of a Collection of the World's Best Essays " 10 volumes . Fred P Kaiser Publisher , Saint Louis, Mo .
1900 April 11th	Invited to become a member of the National Association for the Study of Epilepsy & the Care & Treatment of Epileptics.
1900 April 1st	Invited to made an address on "Mission Work in Alaska" at the "Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions" to be held in New York City, April 27 to May 1st, 1900. Was unable to be present.
1901 March 8th	Elected to the Presidency of Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah. Declined the position on account of health .
1903 March 24	Secured from Hon Shallenberger, 2nd Ass't PM Gen'l the establishment of a winter mail route from Kotzebue Sound, Alaska to Point Barrow, the Northernmost settlement on the American Continent.
1901	Received a Commemorative Diploma from the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo, New York, for valuable servic

Appointed a member of "The Advisory Council for the publication of a Collection of the World's Best Orations" 11 volumes . Ferd P Kaiser , Publisher, Saint Louis , Mo

Elected a trustee in S
One of the incorporators of the Sheldon Jackson Coll Salt Lake

July 31st (1870) A strong Presbyterian Church organized at Hazel Dell (6 miles east of Council Bluffs,IOWA) on Sabbath , July 31st by Rev Sheldon Jackson, Rev George R Carroll, Rev T H Clelland, Jr and Mr Thomas J Sherrard .

July 24 Pres Ch organized at Avoca, Iowa , with 12 members by Rev Melancthon Hughs & Rev George R Carroll .